

**BOROUGH OF MENDHAM
MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
November 29, 2023, 7:00PM
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Serrano Glassner called the November 29, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham, New Jersey.

FLAG SALUTE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Serrano Glassner led a moment of silence and proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING STATEMENT

Notice of this meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mendham was published in the Daily Record and Star Ledger, posted in the Phoenix House, and was filed in the Office of the Borough Clerk in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Official action will be taken at this meeting.

ROLL CALL

The following officials were present:

Mayor Serrano Glassner
Council President Brennan Reilly
Council Member Marilyn Althoff
Council Member John Andrews
Council Member James Kelly
Council Member Neil Sullivan

Absent:
Council Member Steve Andrew

Also present were:

Fred Semrau, Esq., Partner, Dorsey & Semrau, LLC
Joyce Bushman, Borough Administrator
Lauren McBride, Acting Borough Clerk

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Approval of Minutes:** November 8, 2023, Regular Meeting

Motion to Approve: Council Member Reilly
Second: Council Member Althoff
Ayes: Reilly, Althoff, Andrews, Kelly, Sullivan
Nays: None

Discussion Items

Mayor and Council discussed a request for a Road Opening Permit at 610 Cherry Lane. The Borough Engineer was unable to sign off on the permit because it shows the construction of a fence within the right of way and requires Mayor and Council approval. Council raised concerns over a potential traffic hazard and making it difficult for motorists to see. There were also concerns that it would be a liability for the Borough. Council asked the Chief of Police to look at the property and report back. There will be a formal resolution or motion made in the future.

ORDINANCE FOR FINAL ADOPTION

#14-2023 BOND ORDINANCE MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$1,475,000 FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SANITARY SEWERAGE SYSTEM IN AND BY THE BOROUGH HERETOFORE AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF NEW JERSEY, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,475,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING SUCH SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

Motion to Table: Council Member Kelly
Second: Council Member Sullivan
Ayes: Kelly, Sullivan, Reilly, Althoff, Andrews
Nays: None
Abstain: None

#15-2023 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING ARTICLE XVII, RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING ONLY, OF THE BOROUGH CODE

Motion to Approve: Council Member Reilly
Second: Council Member Althoff
Ayes: Reilly, Althoff, Andrews, Kelly, Sullivan
Nays: None
Abstain: None

RESOLUTIONS

#148-2023 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FLASHING PEDESTRIAN SIGN FOR THE INTERSECTION OF WEST MAIN STREET AND LAKE DRIVE FROM TRAFFIC AND PARKING CONTROL

COMPANY, INC. (TAPCO)

Motion to Approve: Council Member Reilly
Second: Council Member Althoff
Ayes: Reilly, Althoff, Andrews, Kelly, Sullivan
Nays: None
Abstain: None

#149-2023 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A NEW SECURITY SYSTEM FOR THE MENDHAM BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM SECURITY ONE ALARMS

Motion to Approve: Council Member Andrews
Second: Council Member Reilly
Ayes: Andrews, Reilly, Althoff, Kelly, Sullivan
Nays: None
Abstain: None

#150-2023 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX OVERPAYMENT TO BE REFUNDED TO VALLEY BANK

Motion to Approve: Council Member Althoff
Second: Council Member Kelly
Ayes: Althoff, Kelly, Reilly, Andrews, Sullivan
Nays: None
Abstain: None

#151-2023 SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF NOT EXCEEDING \$1,475,000 SEWER BONDS, OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR SALE TO THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF CERTAIN AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AND FOR THE COMBINATION OF CERTAIN ISSUES OF BONDS

Motion to Approve: Council Member Kelly
Second: Council Member Althoff
Ayes: Kelly, Althoff, Reilly, Andrews, Sullivan
Nays: None
Abstain: None

#152-2023 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS BETWEEN CERTAIN BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2023 CURRENT FUND BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58

Council omitted the Police Patrol Officer, Overtime, and Drug Recognition Expert

Motion to Approve as Amended: Council Member Sullivan
Second: Council Member Kelly
Ayes: Sullivan, Kelly, Reilly, Althoff, Andrews
Nays: None
Abstain: None

#153-2023 RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO JEV CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT TO BE FUNDED THROUGH NJ I-BANK

Motion to Approve: Council Member Kelly
Second: Council Member Althoff
Ayes: Kelly, Althoff, Reilly, Andrews, Sullivan
Nays: None
Abstain: None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Joyce Bushman reported that the Holly Trail is this Saturday, December 2nd. She thanked the Department of Public Works for a great job decorating and preparing for the Holly Trail.

She also reported that the Borough went out for Health Insurance quotes due to the State Health Benefits increase. Costs have increased 22% in 2023 and will increase an additional 14% in 2024. All insurance providers and the Health Insurance Fund of Morris County refused to offer the Borough a quote. Due to the small number of employees and the prescription loss ratio of 200%.

Administrator Bushman also commended the job well done by the Department of Public Works cleaning up the Dam.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Safety [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Sullivan reported that they met to discuss parking on E Main St, Dean, and Orchard restricted to certain hours. Engineer will reach out to Administrator to discuss.

Recreation [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Reilly had nothing to report.

Finance [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Kelly had nothing to report.

Personnel [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Andrews stated that the First Aid Squad will be making holiday cards during the Holly Trail on Saturday. There is a Personnel Committee meeting scheduled for December 7th. He also thanked

the DPW for their assistance hanging Hometown Heros Banners.

Public Works/ Sewer [Standing Committee of the Council]

Council Member Althoff reported that work has begun on three flood gates at the main pump house.

Attorney Report

Fred Semrau reported that the Edmunds online payment system should have an updated agreement in place soon. The Board of Adjustment is going to force V-Fee to get their application heard.

MAYOR'S ITEMS

Mayor Serrano Glassner asked if any Council Members want to help during the Holly Trail on Saturday. She thanked the Hidden Pond Tree Farm for the donation of trees and lights. Mayor also thanked the Garden Club for their hard work making wreaths and decorating.

Mayor Serrano Glassner stated in regard to the Weed Ordinance, it will be moved to next year. There are no plans to start working on it until the second meeting in January.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mayor Serrano Glassner opened public comment.

Mark Van Den Hende of 11 Coventry Rd asked if a structure is put on the town's property who does it belong to?

Frank Lupo of 17 Dean Rd asked if the NJDEP get back with a date to schedule a hearing? Borough Attorney stated they did not know the date yet.

The council discussed changing meeting date from Wednesday, December 13 to Friday, December 15th at 6:00 pm. Mayor asked for a motion to change the meeting date. Council member Kelly made a motion and Council member Althoff seconded the motion; all Council members were in favor.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Motion to Approve: Council Member Reilly
Second: Council Member Kelly
Ayes: Reilly, Kelly, Althoff, Andrews, Sullivan
Nays: None
Recuse: Andrews from any First Aid payments

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to conduct, Mayor Serrano Glassner asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn: Council Member Reilly

Second: Council Member Kelly
Ayes: Reilly, Kelly, Althoff, Andrews, Sullivan

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lauren McBride
Lauren McBride, CMR
Acting Borough Clerk
Borough of Mendham